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SITUATION REVIEW – JUNE 2017

ISSUES TO WATCH

- ▶ **107 violent incidents happened in June, declining from the previous month;**
- ▶ **1 incident was related to the consolidation of a political party, but in general, no violent incidence was recorded during the campaign in the month of June;**
- ▶ **Violent incidents related to Martial Art Groups (MAGs) and Ritual Art Groups (RAGs) also decline;**
- ▶ **Women were victims of violence higher than previously, while the number of women perpetrators was low.**

107 VIOLENT INCIDENTS OCCURRED IN JUNE, DECLINING FROM THE PREVIOUS MONTH

In the month of June, Early Warning and Early Response (EWER) registered 107 violent incidents. 44.5% of these incidents took place in the Municipality of Dili. This number was considered to decline when compared to the average violent incidents recorded in October 2016 until May 2017, with an average of 136.6 monthly incidents. According to the monitoring results, the number of incidents declined in the month of June due to the following reasons:

- Government started to implement Law No. 5/2017 regarding Martial Arts Practice, Ritual Arts, Arms and Rama Ambon.
- Timor-Leste National Police (PNTL) provided maximum security during campaign period, including searching on vehicles, and rapid intervention on acts that provoked conflict and crime.

1 INCIDENT WAS RELATED TO POLITICAL PARTY CONSOLIDATION EVENT, BUT NO INCIDENT WAS REGISTERED DURING THE ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN IN THE MONTH OF JUNE

EWER data system recorded that in the previous election, the number of incidents was high during the time of political party campaign. However, in this campaign period for the 2017 Parliamentary Election, during the month of June, there was only 1 incident registered for the political party consolidation event and not during the campaign itself. Please note that Belun has not yet compiled incidents during the month of July, in which campaign also take place. The incident related to a political party consolidation event took place in Post Administrative Vikeké, in which an unknown person with a knife stabbed two political party militants, wounding them on their way back from the event. Activities conducted to contribute to building peace and stability include:

Total Violent Incidents in June 2017	
Municipal ity	Incidents
Aileu	7
Ainaru	1
Baukau	9
Bobonaru	3
Covalima	6
Dili	42
Ermera	7
Lautein	1
Likisá	4
Manatutu	3
Manufahi	10
Oekusi	6
Vikeké	8
Totál	107

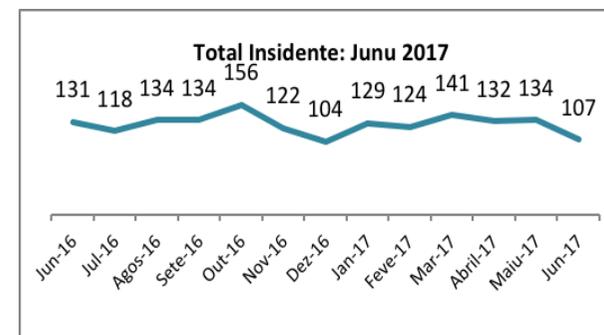
- Political Party signed National Unity Pact facilitated by the of office of the President of the Republic and National Conflict Prevention Network and led by the National Directorate for Community Conflict Prevention at the Ministry of Interior before entering the campaign period on the 20th of June.
- Socialization about electoral crimes was conducted by CNE and Belun via EWER system to 16 Administrative Posts detected as the highest risk of conflict, with the aim to prevent crimes or electoral violence. This program was funded by USAID.
- Members of the community already have conscience to contribute to national stability, for example community members in the Uatulari Administrative Post, Municipal of Vikeké accepting other political parties to conduct campaigning in their area and no violence occurred.

VIOLENT INCIDENTS RELATED TO MARTIAL ART GROUPS (MAGs) AND RITUAL ART GROUPS (RAGs) DECLINE

In the month of June, EWER System collected 3 violent incidents related to Martial Art Groups (MAGs) and Ritual Art Groups (RAGs). This number was considered low when compared that to the average number from October 2016 until May 2017 of 11 incidents per month. The incidents related to MAG and RAG took place twice in the Municipality of Baucau, 1 in the Post Administrative of Laga in which members of MAG provoked and attacked each other; and another 1 in the Post Administrative of Vemasse, in which members of MAG assaulted each other in a farewell party. One more incident took place in Dili, Fatumeta, Bairru-Pite where MAG assaulted its own members and resulted in wounds. Number of incidents related to MAG and RAG was low as PNTL and F-FDTL conducted maximum patrol during the campaign period and due to the implementation of Law No. 5/2017 Martial Arts Practice, Ritual Arts, Arms and Rama Ambon and also capturing of sharp implements during checkpoints.

WOMEN WERE VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE HIGHER THAN PREVIOUSLY, WHILE THE NUMBER OF WOMEN PERPETRATORS WAS LOW

EWER System's data shows that the number of women involved in violence was low in comparison to men. In June, the system registered 7 incidents inflicted by women, and in 16 other incidents women were victims of violence. In 106 incidents, 87 of them were perpetrated by men, and in 71 incidents men were victims.



PREVENTION AND RESPONSE TO CONFLICT

Conflict prevention activity implemented via Early Warning and Early Response System

- ▶ Based on the electoral violence monitored during the Presidential Election in 2017, there were many incidents registered during the campaign. In relation to this, EWER team organized a Talk Show in TVTL on 20th of June 2017, on the day when the campaign for Parliamentary Election started. In this Talk Show, Belun invited the President of CNE, PDHJ, and Operational Commander of PNTL to contribute and give talks to political leaders, militants, and to all the Timor-Leste community to follow rules during the campaign and during election to prevent electoral crime and electoral violence.
- ▶ Based on EWER data on incidents, in 2006 Suku Election and 2017 Presidential Election, some violent incidents occurred in Post Administrative Tilomar, Municipal Covalima, and Post Administrative of Vikeké Vila. Those incidents took place because of provocation and also due to lack of knowledge on the electoral process. Therefore, the Community Conflict Prevention and Response Network (CCPRN) in the Post Administrative Tilomar and Vikeké Vila worked together with CNE, STAE and PNTL and conducted election socialization to reduce violence during the campaign, voting period and after the election period in the 2017 Parliamentary Election.



Conflict prevention activity implemented by the Program of Community Policing Support

- ▶ To reduce incidents related to MAGs and RAGs, Belun in partnership with PNTL to disseminate Law No. 5/2017 related to Martial Art Practice, Ritual Art, Arms and Rama Ambon and the 5th alteration of Penal Code. This activity was conducted in Bairro Beto, Comoro Village, Post Administrative of Dom Aleixo, Municipal Dili. This program implemented two events, one on dissemination of information on the 9th of June 2017 and one was a cleaning up activity removing all MAG and RAG graffiti in murals and collection of MAG attributes on the 10th June 2017.

Activity response to conflict that implemented Access to Justice Clinic

- ▶ To enhance the capacity of Suku Council Leaders to manage conflict, the Village Chief and 10 members of Suco Council in Post Administrative of Bagaia, Municipal Baukau participated in Mediation Training. The President of Baukau Municipal Authority addressed the audience in his opening remarks, followed by the Administrator of Bagaia, and Police Commander of Bagaia. This training was conducted in Bagaia's Post Administration Office on the 22-23 June 2017. The same training was conducted in Post Administrative Bobonaru on the 7-8 June 2017;

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- ▶ On the 7th of June 2017 a mediation service was provided to two disputants that disputed each other over private land located in the villange Debos, Post Administrative of Suai. Through this mediation, disputants agreed to accept each other based on options presented by both sides and the Access to Justice Clinic Team helped them to sign the agreement.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Advocacy activity for the government policy development.

- ▶ Working Group on Security conducted a regular meeting in AIFeLa place, Vila Verde, Dili, on 4 June 2017. In this meeting, Belun's report from the Presidential Election through EWER monitoring system was also distributed, together with the situation review for the month of May 2017;
- ▶ Belun in partnership with international organizations such as The Asia Foundation create an Online Database focused on repository – library of UNTL. The objective of this database is to support research activity. This database was presented to the public on the 13 of June 2017 and handed over to the Departamentu Centro Nasionál Investigasaun Cientific (CNIC) in UNTL;
- ▶ Belun via funding support from CARDNO carried out training to public servants of Programa Nasionál Dezenvolvimentu Suku (PNDS) and targeted women working on this program. Topic of this training was "LEADERSHIP ABILITY AND MANAGEMENT", with the intention to increase women's knowledge. The training ran for 3 days, from 12 – 14 June 2017, in Luz Clarita Hall, Dili.



ABOUT THIS SITUATION REVIEW

This situation review reports on violent incidents and trends in Timor-Leste that were identified by Belun's Early Warning, Early Response (EWER) monitoring system in 43 of Timor-Leste's 65 Administrative Posts in June 2017. Complete data and incidents descriptions can be found at: www.atres.belun.tl. Belun strives to share up-to-date and verified information. Considering that situations change rapidly, we appreciate receiving information to clarify or update our EWER monitoring data.

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